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Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS

GUESS WHO'S COOKING THE BREAKFAST? YES, DEAR FRIENDS, ED'S COOKING AGAIN!

FROM THE TOP: HAMFEST, APRIL 28.

The April 18 meeting will be in McDougal Hall at SDC. This month we will be finalizing details of the Hamfest. This is a fun event with a breakfast, swap meet and a club station set up. I hope everyone can attend and help out.

I would like to thank Sam, KF6DKP, for his generous donation of a Yaesu FT 757GX to the club. The HF rig will be put to good use at the Hamfest, Field Day and other club events and demonstrations.

Tim, KG6ASY, has upgraded his ticket to General and has been checking in on the Sonoma County ACS HF net on Tuesday nights at 7:30 PM on 3.912 MHz. He has a great signal from the Washoe Valley area. Good job Tim!!!

The batteries that were donated by Allan, K6KLL, sold like hotcakes. Thanks Allan.

The Fremont Baker to Vegas group ran into a number of unexpected setbacks that has caused them to cancel their Baker to Vegas radio support this year. They did amazing work setting up a communications system in the middle of the desert and I am sorry that they could not make things come together this year. Hopefully things will settle down and get back on track for next year.

On Saturday, April 7, the Sonoma Valley ACS unit joined up with the South County ACS unit for a message handling and GPS drill. The South County unit the put on a fun event that required the use of GPS units to find your way to the various South County EOCs and pick up a message that had to be passed to another team. I was fortunate to tag along as the navigator for Sonoma Valley Team 3. The net control for South County had his hands full routing 7 teams around with latitude/longitude coordinates. The event was a great learning experience in both using a GPS and passing traffic. After a morning of driving around finding the South County EOCs the group had lunch at a BBQ restaurant in Petaluma.

With the changes in the FCC licensing requirements, Technicians have privileges on the HF bands. The ARRL posted this information on their website after a number of Techs were heard operating on bands outside what the Tech license allows:

> The HF privileges all Technicians now have are equivalent to those that Novice licensees have enjoyed for years, Henderson notes. "This also means the 200 W maximum power limit still applies, regardless of where you operate in the HF bands," he says. Technicians may operate at up to the legal limit on VHF and UHF, however.
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> On 10 meters, Technician and Novice licensees have CW, RTTY and data privileges from 28.000 to 28.300 MHz, and CW and SSB privileges from 28.300 to 28.500 MHz. "We're sorry that the sunspots aren't favoring 10 meters at this point in the sunspot cycle, but they will in a few years," Henderson allowed.
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> In addition, Technicians and Novices have CW -- and *only* CW -- privileges on from 3.525 to 3.600 MHz on 80 meters, from 7.025 to 7.125 MHz on 40 meters and

21.025 to 21.200 MHz on 15 meters.

If you have an HF rig and want to get on the air, let me know and we will round up some other club members and give you a hand. 10 meters can be fun, even if the solar cycle is not cooperating right now and with a computer and a few cables it is possible to do CW from your keyboard on 15, 40 and 80 meters.

We still need net control stations for the VOMARC (May, Jul, Aug, Sept and Dec.) and ACS (Jul, Aug, Sept, and Dec.) nets. Let me know if you are interested.

Hope to hear you on the air and see you at the meeting.

73, Dave, KD6FIL

VOMARC HAMFEST APRIL 28!

The annual VOMARC Hamfest is only two weeks away!

The planning for the Hamfest will be finalized at the meeting this Wednesday, April 18, at McDougal Hall at SDC. WE already have many of the same people volunteering for the same jobs, but we will let our new members get in on some of the fun, just to show our generosity.

If you can't make the meeting, call Darrel, WD6BOR, at 707-996-4494, or email at wd6bor@vom.com, to let him know which choice position you are eager to fill. No drug test or criminal background checks will be required!

"RADIO REMEMBERS" ...Do You?

KSVY, 91.3, Sonoma, 11am-1pm, Sundays
Produced by: Alan Young, K6KLL
Written by: Ross Game

Can you answer the following questions?

1. In 1937 a youthful Orson Welles was Star of:
   A. Jack Armstrong
   B. Mr. Chamelleon
   C. The Shadow
   D. The Green Hornet

2. Arch Oboler was Director/Producer and Host of what Horror Series?

3. Can you name the Radio Announcers best associated with:
   A. Burns and Allen
   B. Jack Benny
   C. Red Skelton

4. For many years a shampoo was associated with a popular network musical program. It was:

5. Oscar Levant was a regular panelist on what program?

6. Prior to appearing as star of "Homes and Harold" Harold Perry was best known as:

VOMARC Minutes, March 21, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM. There were 12 in attendance. We had one visitor, Sam, KF6DKP.

The minutes were approved as published in the Vomarc newsletter.

Treasurer's report: We have $1869.72 in the bank plus $40.00 in checks to be deposited. Ken, N6Km, read the 2006 financial report. The Ham Fest netted $477.17, There were $610.00 in dues paid and an additional $62.00 in donations. Expenses were ARRL $35.70, Field Day permit, 105.00, insurance $322.00, and meeting expenses (includes BBQ & food at Field Day, etc.) $321.00.

There are still some bills that haven't been turned in for payment. The mast the club had for sale has been sold.

ACS report: The tour of the Russian River area organized by Chris McKeon, was held on March 17th. There were 7 from Sonoma who attended. We were shown the three fire stations where we would possibly be assigned should we be called to help in a flood or disaster - Monte Rio, Russian River (Guerneville) and Forestville. Facts were presented on how to get there, what to expect, what to bring (food for about 2-3 days until the local personnel get set up to feed everyone, personal hygiene supplies, clothes, sleeping bag, tent, and possible a cot). Should we be assigned to these areas during a major flood, it would be possible to have to remain 5 - 7 days. We were shown the location of the radio equipment in the various EOC's. The main points were safety first. Be in contact with the Sonoma County EOC net control at all times, take the main open routes, and stay in contact during transit. The tour ended with lunch at the pizza ho use next to the Forestville fire station.

On April 7th, there will be a South County GPS training. The purpose will be to learn GPS procedures, message handling, and to become familiar with the area, its hospitals, fire stations, and EOC's. It is planned to have a similar GPS training in the fall for the Sonoma Valley area.

The EOC is now operative in the fire station. Most of the radios are installed and working. The city council is meeting on Wednesday nights in the fire station (reason why Vomarc is meeting at SDC for the rest of the year), but everyone is encouraged to schedule with Jim and/or Ken a familiarization visit to the EOC.

VE report: There will be a VE session at the Ham Fest Saturday, April 28, 2007. Joel will need six VE personnel. There has been a request for an oral exam. This requires three VE's to be present for that person.

There is one tracer box at Jim, K6UUW's, and two at Dave, KD6FIL's; however, they won't power up. Dave will contact the people where they were purchased to see about replacements.

Sam, KF6DKP, donated his brother's Yaseau rig to the club to either sell, auction, or otherwise use as the club sees fit. His brother was a long time ham who recently became a silent key. The club thanks Sam for his generous donation.

Old Business:

Field Day, June 23 and 24th, will be at Maxwell Park. The paper work is currently being processed by the County Parks Department. A check for $105.00 was given to Joan, W6WXU, to send to the Parks Department to complete the application process.

We still need net control volunteers.

The Ham Fest preparations were reviewed. Publicity has started. Eileen and Jim have sent out various e-mail notices. Joan has sent e-mail notices to vendors. Alan has made announcements on his radio program. Notices will be put in the Sonoma IT. The direct mailing was discussed. It was moved and seconded that Darrel, WD6BOR, go ahead with a mailing of between 200-300 pieces. This will target licensed hams in the valley and possibly some of the surrounding areas. Ed, W1EJ, will be in charge of the breakfast. He will need two crews as usual. There was discussion of having the sausage replaced by HAM for the HAM fest. We will have the emergency vehicle demonstration as we had last year. There will be various radio demonstrations. There may be a model train show to attract more of the public to the event.

There was a card signed by the club members to be sent as a thank you to Nancy for her help in the use of McDougal Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40PM and the program on IRLP began. Unfortunately, there was no reception in MacDougal Hall, so we could not try to contact Dan, KG6LJN, as had been hoped. The information was very informative and included not only IRLP, but Echolink & Dstar.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Brady, W6WXU

2007 VOMARC VE SCHEDULE

April 28
August 25
December 1

As I have done in the past I will send out a request for who will be available for these dates approximately 2 - 3 weeks ahead of each date.

Joel Nadler, NN6J
VOMARC VE Coordinator

FOR SALE:

HF equipment:

All items believed to be in good working condition.
Kenwood TS 140S HF transceiver-$350
MFJ 962C Versa Tuner III. 1.5 kW antenna tuner
Heathkit SB200 linear amplifier - $200
Johnson Viking kW Match Box - $200
Kenwood PS 430 power supply
MFJ 422-B electronic keyer paddle
Ham Keyer HK5A keyer

VHF/UHF equipment, near new condition

Both items barely used.
Astron RS 20A power supply.
Kenwood TM 742A tribander 2M/440/1.2 with tower antenna and mag-mount.
Eran, KD6KVO, 996-8933, glago@comcast.net

Kantronics All Mode Communicator, a TNC that will do Morse (CW), RTTY, ASCII, AMTOR and Packet on HF and Packet on VHF/UHF. With manual and in good working order. $50.00
32 foot crank-up mast and base by Triasto. WIll support tri-band antenna easily. $100.00. Base needs some repair.
VOMARC c/o Ken McTaggart N6KM 938-2626, kmct@vom.com.

Answers for the Radio Remembers Quiz:

1. *The Shadow*
2. *Lights Out*
3. *A. Bill Goodwin*
   B. Don Wilson
   C. Rod O'Connor
4. *The Fitch Bandwagon*
5. *Information Please*
6. *The Great Gildersleeve*

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Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: http://www.vomarc.org/

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until the Sonoma Police station renovation is completed.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Issa's Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2007 Membership Dues: $15/year individual; $5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org.
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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. It tells you when your VOMARC dues are due. Dues may be mailed to Ken N6KM, 402 Fourth Street East, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next meeting. If there is any mistake, please do not shoot the messenger; email Eileen KG6QNT at Eileen@vom.com. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**